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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Director of the USPTO/Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

A response to the Office Action of December 8, 2005 is being filed concurrently with this Request for Extension of Time.

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Office Action dated December 8, 2005:

Three month up to and including June 8, 2006; the extension fee is \$510.00.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-5113.

Respectfully submitted,

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